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basis. The Taluk Marketing Societies which are the middle agencies do not have adequate financial resources to obtain fertilisers on cash-and-carry basis.

(3) Introduction of one more retail agency will involve in delay in fertilisers reaching the farmers. If the farmers are not able to get adequate quantities of fertilisers in time, it is not due to the introduction of the two tier system but due to various causes such as shortages of fertilisers in the country and the World Market in respect of pool fertilisers and labour strikes, transport problems etc., in case of domestic production.

It may however also be clarified that since then Government has allowed the various districts to follow either the three tier system or the two tier system whichever is suitable to their own local requirements.

(*d*) All allocations of fertilisers made through the pool system is distributed in the State through the Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation and the Agro Industries Corporation. There is practically no difference between the sale of fertilisers through the Co-operatives and the Agro Kendras of the Agro Industries Corporation, because both the Agro Kendras and the Co-operatives are a part and parcel of the public distribution system.

As regards the distribution of fertilisers allocated from the non-pool quota, it is the declared policy of the Government of India that all non-pool fertilisers should be sold by the manufacturers through there own marketeers. It may be clarified here that even out of non-pool quota, 30 per cent of the supplies are channelised through the Agro Industries Corporation and the Marketing Federation who have been appointed as agents of the several manufacturers. As regards the Chennelisation of all supplies through three tier system the answer has been furnished at (2) above.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:

(*i*) *re : Shortage of fertilisers in Gulbarga district.*

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR.—(Aland) I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry to the shortage of fertilisers in Gulbarga District.

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry) :—In response to the above call attention notice I wish to make the following statement.

The total acreage under summer paddy in the Taluks of Yadgir and Sadem are 700 acres There is no other summer crop in the entire district of Gulbarga. This summer paddy is not withering away due to the lack of fertilisers 180 tonnes of various types of fertilisers including nitrogenous fertilisers have been allotted to these two taluks on 28th January 1974. Paddy in any case will not wither away due to lack of fertilisers. 180 tonnes of Nitrogenos fertilisers has been recently distributed in these paddy growing Taluks.

The total programme of supplies to Gulbarga was 1000 tonnes of 'N' out of which supplies have been made as follows.—

600 tonnes of 'N' from the non-pool.

151 tonnes of 'N' from the pool.

The manufacturer wise supplies are as follows.—

Zuari Agro Chemicals	...	249 tonnes of N
Madras Fertilisers	...	276 ,,
Fertiliser Corporation of India	...	75 ,,

The supplies in the month of January have been as follows:—

Zuari Agro Chemicals	...	69 tonnes of N
Madras Fertilisers	...	44 ,,
Fertilisers Corporation of India	...	57 ,,

From the above it may be seen that the suplies of fertiliser to the District of Gulbarga has been more than adequate for the 700 acres of summer paddy crop. It cannot be therefore that the summer paddy is withering away for lack of fertilisers. For Khariff 19 4 a total quantity of 1000 M. Tonnes of fertilisers in terms of 'N' hasbeen allotted to Gulbarga District of this 810 tonnes are under pool & 190 tonnes are under non-pool.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR —The total supply was only 1000 tonnes and it has been stated that it is more than sufficient for 700 acres of summar paddy crop. But there is also well irrigation throughout the district and the total supply is quite inadequate taking into account the lands under irrigation and the acreage covered. Will the Government see that adequate supplies are made to Gulbarga District ?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—Subject to availability of fertilisers for the entire State which we are going to receive in this Kharif season and the left-over rabi season we will make best efforts to supply the minimum required to Gulbarga District.